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BY HAND

**Re: Expediting Assignment of Patent Number
and Issue Date for U.S. Patent Application
Serial No.: 07/715,031; Filed: June 10, 1991
Inventor: Cooper; Our Docket No.: 194/167**

Dear Ms. Martin:

We are formally requesting that you expedite the assignment of a patent number and issue date for the above-identified patent application. The Issue Fee transmittal form for this application, signed by applicants' undersigned attorney is attached hereto. A check in the amount of \$1,172.00 in ^{\$593.00} payment of the issue fee and for an advance order of fourteen (14) patent copies is also enclosed. If any additional amounts must be paid in this connection, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 01-0535. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for accounting purposes.

Applicants' assignee Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a development stage pharmaceutical company. The company made an initial public offering on January 17, 1992 in order to obtain additional funds to carry on and further expand its research and development efforts. The company currently has no products on the market.

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Thus, the expedited grant of a patent number and issue date for the above-identified application will materially benefit Amylin, since it will add the first patent to Amylin's portfolio, which in turn may assist the company in attracting future investors, funds, and potential corporate partners.

For these many and substantial reasons, we believe that expedition is fully warranted in this case, and respectfully urge that it be granted.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BJD Duft', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bradford J. Duft

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Enclosures